

## HB 2765 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Education

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**Action Date:** 04/08/19

**Action:** Do pass. Refer to Student Success.

**Vote:** 7-2-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Sollman

**Nays:** 2 - Reschke, Wallan

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/27, 4/8

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires school districts that make breakfast available at school sites to make it available after beginning of school day. Allows time spent consuming breakfast to count as instructional time when consumed in classroom and instruction is provided. Allows no more than 15 minutes to be considered instructional time when consuming breakfast. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Link between student success and school meals
- Challenge in computing cost and overall cost of policy
- Difficulty in providing breakfast for students in rural areas due to travel time to and from school
- Experience having students consume food in classrooms
- Challenge using school equipment while eating

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Multiple states have variations of breakfast after the bell policies. Colorado requires that all high schools provide breakfast after the bell, whereas Illinois passed legislation in 2016 requiring only high schools provide it. Both Los Angeles and Houston have individual school district policies requiring breakfast in the classroom for all elementary and middle schools.

House Bill 2765 requires school districts make breakfast available at school sites after the school day has started. The measure allows up to 15 minutes of time spent consuming breakfast to count as instructional time.